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SUBJECT: GOP TELLS PRESS CEASEFIRE ORDERED IN LANAOS; DENIES
300 REBELS MASSACRED IN SULTAN KUDARAT

REF: A) MANILA A-364

B) MANILA 12782

1. ACCORDING MANILA PAPERS OF NOVEMBER 9 DEFENSE SECRETARY
PONCE ENRILE TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE PREVIOUS DAY THAT
PRESIDENT MARCOS ORDERED TWO-MONTH CEASEFIRE IN TWO LANAOS
PROVINCES (LANAOS DEL SUR AND LANAOS DEL NORTE) EFFECTIVE LAST
NOVEMBER 1, TO ENABLE GOVERNMENT EMISSARIES TO CONTACT REBEL
LEADERS. TWO-MONTH PROVISION DESIGNED TO COINCIDE WITH RECENT
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE OFFERING AMNESTY TO COMMUNIST PARTY (PKP)
(REF A) AND OTHER REBELS WHICH EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 1974.

2. AT SAME PRESS CONFERENCE (ACCORDING "DAILY BULLETIN")
SECURITY OFFICIALS DENIED IN SOME DETAIL REPORT BY UNNAMED
"FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT" THAT 300 MUSLIMS RECENTLY MASSACRED
BY MILITARY AFTER BEING HELD IN MOSQUE IN SULTAN KUDARAT
PROVINCE.

3. COMMENT: REPORTS OF CEASEFIRE MAKE NO MENTION OF
COTABATO PROVINCE, WHERE MILITARY SITUATION HAS BEEN FAR
MORE CRITICAL, NOR OF SULU. WE WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL
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DETAILS RE CEASEFIRE AS AVAILABLE. ZEITLIN STORY ITSELF

HAS JUST APPEARED ON AP WIRE HERE. IT GOES WITHOUT
SAYING THAT IMPACT ON MRS. MARCOS' TRIP COULD BE UNFOR-
TUNATE IF STORY PRODUCES SENSATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS AMONG
JADED AMERICAN READERS.
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